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TIMBER CUTTINGS, JANUARY-AUGUST, 1974

Sawlogs cut in Louisiana during the first eight months of this year totaled 814,832,000 board feet. This volume represents an increase of 11.6 percent compared with the same period a year ago and is 13.9 percent more than the 1968-72 average.

Pulpwood harvest through August totaled 2,528,920 cords. Harvest so far this year is running 3.6 percent above that of 1973 and 31.3 percent more than the previous 5-year average. An additional 12,546,000 board feet of sawtimber and 45,727 cords of pulpwood were severed under reforestation contracts.

MARKET SUMMARY, THIRD QUARTER, 1974

Sawlogs: Stumpage prices paid for Pine sawlogs averaged \$88.75 per thousand board feet. This price represents a decline of 8.6 percent compared with the previous quarter but is about in line with the State average of a year ago. Except for oaks and gums, hardwood stumpage showed about the same percentage decline as pine.

Poles: Despite slightly higher averages in area 3, pole prices for most classes were generally unchanged Statewide. Increases averaging about 3.5 percent occurred for classes 2 and 3 seventies and above.

Pulpwood: Pulpwood stumpage prices have continued unchanged through the first three quarters of this year with pine averaging \$6.05 per cord and hardwood \$2.75.

Wood Chips: Prices paid for wood chips per ton, F.O.B. sawmill averaged \$9.65 for pine and \$9.30 for hardwood.

During the July-September quarter, the following U.S.D.A. Forest Service Sales for Kisatchie National Forest were reported:

SAWLOGS			PULPWOOD	
Specie	MBF 1/	Ave. Price Dollars/MBF	Cords	Ave. Price Dollars/Cord
Syp	38,380	119.67	42,257	6.88
Mx. Hdwd.	1,137	45.56	6,963	3.38

1/ Scribner-Decimal "C" Rule.

Pulpwood, Per Cord:	STATE AVERAGE							Same Period Year Ago
	Area 1 (Dollars)	Area 2 (Dollars)	Area 3 (Dollars)	Area 4 (Dollars)	Area 5 (Dollars)	July-Sept. 1974 (Dollars)	Previous Quarter (Dollars)	
Pine, Stumpage	6.40	5.30	6.00	4.60	<u>1/</u>	6.05	6.00	5.40
Pine, FOB Car	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>	23.60	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>	29.25	27.25	23.35
Hardwood, Mixed Stumpage	2.65	3.20	2.65	2.35	<u>1/</u>	2.75	2.70	2.45
Hardwood, Mixed FOB Car	25.25	<u>1/</u>	25.35	25.60	<u>1/</u>	25.45	24.15	22.90

1/ Insufficient number of quotes to report on area basis but included in Statewide average.

2/ Not comparable.

Note: The Doyle log scale is basis for board feet measurement.

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NET AVERAGE PRICES PAID TO LOUISIANA TIMBER PRODUCERS BY TYPES OF INDUSTRIES, JULY-SEPTEMBER, 1974

WITH COMPARISONS

Forest Service Sales are excluded from following reported prices

STATE AVERAGE

							July-Sept. 1974	Previous Quarter	Same Period Year Ago
		(Dollars)	(Dollars)	(Dollars)	(Dollars)	(Dollars)	(Dollars)	(Dollars)	(Dollars)
(A)	<u>Sawlogs (Stumpage)</u>								
	Fine M.Bd.Ft.	92.55	98.75	87.45	75.20	1/	88.75	97.10	98.50
	Cypress "	41.65	61.25	1/	1/	39.00	44.30	46.65	37.05
	Oaks "	36.65	47.00	30.00	1/	36.00	37.40	35.90	2/
	Gums "	36.00	50.85	27.50	1/	32.90	39.25	35.25	2/
	Willow "	35.00	40.00	1/	1/	32.00	34.90	35.80	34.85
	Ash "	31.65	66.25	1/	1/	53.00	48.55	52.80	46.90
	Cottonwood "	31.65	50.00	1/	1/	35.00	37.50	41.70	33.35
	Mixed Hardwoods"	32.25	48.00	30.55	1/	34.00	35.60	30.65	36.40
(B)	<u>Sawlogs (Delivered)</u>								
	Fine "	132.30	131.25	122.20	108.00	1/	121.65	131.15	118.05
	Cypress "	81.90	106.90	69.15	1/	81.00	86.45	86.55	77.20
	Oaks "	83.75	102.15	76.07	1/	73.35	84.25	75.95	2/
	Gums "	25.50	102.15	76.25	1/	75.00	85.40	76.75	2/
	Willow "	78.35	92.50	63.35	1/	70.35	78.05	78.00	73.45
	Ash "	81.65	110.00	65.00	1/	85.00	89.45	95.35	82.50
	Cottonwood "	1/ -	100.85	65.90	1/	73.35	81.45	81.65	76.25
	Mixed Hardwoods"	75.50	97.85	72.95	1/	73.35	80.80	81.30	74.10
<u>Poles, Barky (FCB Plant or Concentration Point) - Each -</u>									
30-Ft. Class	5	9.65	1/	9.60	1/	1/	9.45	8.95	6.95
"	6	7.25	1/	7.90	1/	1/	7.80	7.35	6.05
"	7	5.25	1/	5.90	1/	1/	5.90	5.65	4.45
35-Ft. Class	4	15.00	1/	15.00	1/	1/	14.90	14.55	12.10
"	5	12.90	1/	12.75	1/	1/	12.70	12.50	11.30
"	6	10.30	1/	10.25	1/	1/	10.25	9.90	8.75
"	7	7.65	1/	8.20	1/	1/	7.95	7.80	6.35
40-Ft. Class	2	28.90	1/	30.25	1/	1/	29.65	28.80	22.15
"	3	23.40	1/	26.25	1/	1/	24.80	24.60	19.60
"	4	19.00	1/	21.50	1/	1/	20.25	19.45	16.50
"	5	16.65	1/	17.55	1/	1/	17.10	16.15	14.35
"	6	13.65	1/	14.50	1/	1/	13.95	13.20	10.95
45-Ft. Class	2	35.15	1/	36.70	1/	1/	36.00	34.05	25.80
"	3	28.45	1/	31.75	1/	1/	30.30	28.70	22.75
"	4	23.80	1/	26.25	1/	1/	25.00	24.25	19.00
"	5	20.55	1/	22.80	1/	1/	21.70	21.60	17.35
50-Ft. Class	2	39.25	1/	42.55	1/	1/	40.90	40.40	30.00
"	3	33.50	1/	36.30	1/	1/	35.50	33.85	26.95
"	4	28.45	1/	31.60	1/	1/	30.05	29.55	22.90
55-Ft. Class	2	47.25	1/	51.35	1/	1/	49.30	48.00	39.00
"	3	40.35	1/	42.40	1/	1/	42.55	40.40	34.05
"	4	35.75	1/	37.40	1/	1/	36.30	36.15	28.20
60-Ft. Class	2	55.65	1/	60.60	1/	1/	58.50	56.40	45.35
"	3	48.10	1/	51.30	1/	1/	49.90	48.55	40.10
65-Ft. Class	2	63.50	1/	69.75	1/	1/	65.80	66.20	50.95
"	3	56.00	1/	60.60	1/	1/	58.60	57.90	51.20
70-Ft. Class	2	77.55	1/	80.25	1/	1/	76.95	74.50	67.75
"	3	65.50	1/	71.45	1/	1/	68.50	66.60	60.50
75-Ft. Class	2	84.55	1/	92.05	1/	1/	88.30	85.15	82.70
"	3	76.35	1/	81.90	1/	1/	79.15	76.10	72.35
80-Ft. Class	2	98.65	1/	106.60	1/	1/	102.65	99.20	99.65
"	3	85.30	1/	92.65	1/	1/	88.95	85.70	85.30

